

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler and the Mayor's Committee on International Friendship (MCIF) hosted two visitors from the Republic of Moldova on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of February 18, 2012 through February 24, 2012.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Multi-Lane Roundabout Project Wins Engineering Excellence Award.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Thursday, 10:00 a.m., 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to discuss sustainable, energy-saving developments to be incorporated into the design, construction and operation of the new Pinnacle Bank Arena.
5. NEWS RELEASE. City seeks Stevens Creek Property for future park.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Pinnacle Bank Arena to be among most sustainable in the country.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, in Council Chambers, Room 112. Agenda and attachments for the meeting now posted on line.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. February sales tax reports reflecting December activity:
 - a) Actual compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2007-2008 through 2011-2012;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2007-2008 through 2011-2012; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

CITY LIBRARIES

1. Library Board meeting agenda for Tuesday, February 21, 2012.
2. Library Directors Report for January, 2012.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission, February 22, 2012.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Map of Annexation by Ordinance. No. 48th and Superior Streets. Effective February 21, 2012, 420.1 acres.
2. Letters of interest sought for Stevens Creek Regional Park.
3. City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting agenda for February 24, 2012.
4. Letter from Ann Bleed, President of the East Campus Community Organization, in support of the change in the zoning code regarding parking requirements at fraternities and sororities as revised by the Planning Department.

5. Administrative Amendment, No. 12001, approved by the Planning Director on February 16, 2012.
6. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for February 23, 2012.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Kent Thompson with comments relating to Lincoln Public Schools building their headquarters on prime real estate.
2. Email from Don Crouch opposing the movement to build medians downtown. Do not waste resources on needless ventures.
3. Letter from Wayne Boles writing in opposition to the proposed alcohol ordinance.
4. Email from Mike Floyd regarding bill LB239, a giant step backward.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 16, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Carmelee Tuma, MCIF, 402-471-1969

Dolores Mather, MCIF, 402-488-4228

MAYOR, MCIF HOST VISITORS FROM MOLDOVA

Mayor Chris Beutler and the Mayor's Committee on International Friendship (MCIF) hosted two visitors from the Republic of Moldova Tuesday, February 7 as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). The goal of the IVLP is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries. Moldova is an independent state between Romania and the Ukraine.

Beutler met with Corneliu Churea, Project Coordinator for Vitorul Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, and Bogdat Tirdea, Senior Lecturer for Ion Creanga Pedagogical University. Both men also serve as political commentators in Moldova. During their visit to Lincoln, they also met with City Council member DiAnna Schimek, Secretary of State John Gale, former Lincoln Mayor Don Wesely and Lincoln Journal Star reporter Nancy Hicks.

During their three-week U.S. tour, the Moldova visitors learned about the U.S. electoral process, political polling, the roles and perspectives of media and others in political analysis and the process of moving from one level of politics to another.

The MCIF organized their visit under the sponsorship of the IVLP, part of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the World Learning Visitor Exchange Program.

Date: February 17, 2012

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of February 18 - 24, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, February 18

- Start Moving™ radio show on KFOR - 8 a.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway
- American Heart Association's Lincoln Heart Ball - 6 p.m., Cornhusker, 333 S. 13th St.

Monday, February 20 - *CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY*

- KOLN-KGIN live interview - 4 p.m., 40th and "W" streets

Tuesday, February 21

- KLIN - 8:10 am., 4343 "O" Street

Wednesday, February 22

- Proclamation signing for Engineers' Week - 9:30 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, February 23

- Engineers' Week Banquet - 7 p.m., Strategic Air and Space Museum, 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland

Friday, February 24

- International visitors - 8:45 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room
- Proclamation signing for Gambling Awareness Month - 9:30 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room
- Nebraska Summit on Entrepreneurship luncheon - noon, Embassy Suites, 12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 22, 2012

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MULTI-LANE ROUNDABOUT PROJECT WINS
ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Mayor Chris Beutler today congratulated those involved with the double roundabout project near Memorial Stadium for receiving an Honor Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Nebraska. The award was presented at ACEC 's Engineering Excellence Awards banquet Tuesday, February 21.

The roundabouts along Salt Creek Roadway at 9th and 10th streets opened August 13. The project was designed by Olsson Associates of Lincoln, and the quality assurance and quality control for the roundabouts was handled by Ourston Roundabout Engineering. The project was funded through the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency.

“I want to commend Olsson, Ourston and our Public Works and Utilities Department for their hard work and dedication on this historic project,” Beutler said. “These are Lincoln’s first multi-lane roundabouts that are seeing heavy traffic. They also are the first roadway improvements to be completed as part of the new traffic system for Pinnacle Bank Arena. This prestigious award recognizes the success of this important team effort.”

Other projects winning Honor Awards are Roskens Hall at UNO; the Eppley Airfield flood control measures; and the Creighton University Alternative Energy Project. The Grand Award winner is the OPPD Omaha Service Center.

ACEC/Nebraska represents over 45 consulting engineering firms doing business in Nebraska and is the only organization devoted exclusively to the business and advocacy interests of engineering companies. More information is available at acecnebraska.org.

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DATE: February 22, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss sustainable, energy-saving developments that will be incorporated into the design, construction and operation of the new Pinnacle Bank Arena at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, February 23** in **room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
555 S. 10th St., Suite 213; Lincoln, NE 68508, phone 402-441-7491

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 22, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Planning Department, 402-441-7491
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265

CITY SEEKS STEVENS CREEK PROPERTY
FOR FUTURE PARK

The City of Lincoln is interested in acquiring property in the Stevens Creek watershed for a regional park that could potentially be co-located with other facilities in the future. Acquisition of land for a future regional park is included as a strategy in the City-County Comprehensive Plan. In the past, park sites have been coordinated with schools, libraries and recreation facilities.

The potential Stevens Creek land purchase is “replacement property” that will enable future redevelopment of public property at 21st and “N” street. The property proposed to be redeveloped was part of an area where Federal Land and Water Conservation Funds were used to develop outdoor public recreation facilities. This Federal grant program requires that any land sold at a location where grant funds were used must be replaced on a value-for-value basis. The Parks and Recreation forestry and maintenance shops at that site will be relocated.

Desired qualities of the land to be acquired include the following:

- A location between 98th Street and the East Beltway corridor (about 126th Street), and between Adams Street and Pioneers Boulevard.
- One or more contiguous parcels with a total area of 160 acres to 320 acres.
- A location along Stevens Creek or a tributary, with a portion of the parcel located within a designated floodplain. The parcel or parcels also could straddle Stevens Creek.
- A relatively flat area of about 20 acres outside of the floodplain on the west side of Stevens Creek that would be suitable for building a school.
- Frontage on a major arterial roadway or mile-line section road. The building area should be close to this principal access road.
- Natural resource areas such as native prairie, wetland and/or native woodland.
- A large pond or small lake suitable for recreation activities including fishing and non-motorized boats.

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The City-County Planning Department will send letters to property owners in a portion of the Stevens Creek watershed to inquire about potential joint use sites. Those interested in having their land considered for purchase are asked to submit a letter of interest that describes how the land meets the desired qualities and specifications. The letter should include the Parcel Identification Number(s) used by the Lancaster County Assessor's office. Letters of interest must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2012 and should be sent to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, 555 S. 10th St., Suite 212, Lincoln, NE; 68508.

Letters of interest will be reviewed by a committee that will include representatives of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the City Parks and Recreation Department, the City-County Planning Department, and the City Urban Development Department. The purchase price will be established by fair market value of the land as determined by a mutually accepted independent appraiser.

The purchase must be approved by the Lincoln City Council, and also the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the National Park Service because of conditions associated with Federal grant funds that were used in development of a portion of the site that is being replaced. The purchase of the land is expected to be finalized by the end of 2012.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 23, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Milo Mumgaard, Mayor's Office, 402-441-7376

**PINNACLE BANK ARENA TO BE AMONG
MOST SUSTAINABLE IN THE COUNTRY**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced two new developments to insure the Pinnacle Bank Arena will be designed, constructed and operated as one of the most environmentally sensitive civic facilities in the country through its sustainable features, high-efficiency systems and use of environmentally responsible materials.

The City of Lincoln has joined the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR program as an ENERGY STAR partner. The partnership represents a fundamental commitment to protect the environment through a high level of energy efficiency and savings measures incorporated into the construction and the daily operations of the new Pinnacle Bank Arena, set to open in fall 2013.

"Buildings certified by the Energy Star program use on average about 35 percent less energy than comparable buildings," said Mayor Beutler. "As an ENERGY STAR partner, the City of Lincoln will benefit from the program's assistance in creating in the arena a strategic energy management program using these features. This tool will not only inspire the arena's financial health, but also preserve the environment for future generations."

In partnership with ENERGY STAR, the City of Lincoln will:

- measure and track the energy performance of Pinnacle Bank Arena and other City facilities by using tools offered through ENERGY STAR.
- develop and implement a plan consistent with ENERGY STAR energy management guidelines to achieve the highest level of energy savings.
- help spread the word about the importance of energy efficiency to its staff and community.
- support the ENERGY STAR Challenge, a national call-to-action effort to help improve the energy efficiency of commercial and industrial building by 10 percent or more.
- highlight its achievements with recognition offered through ENERGY STAR.

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“With Pinnacle Bank Arena as a core example of how the City is committed to energy efficiency, we look forward to saving Lincoln taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs per year with ENERGY STAR’s help,” said Mayor Beutler.

Mayor Beutler also announced today that the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) has recommended a grant of \$150,250 to the City of Lincoln towards the establishment of a state-of-the-art arena recycling program in Pinnacle Bank Arena. The goal is to divert up to 75 percent of arena waste from the City landfill. The funding will be used for basic equipment, including combined waste collection stations/receptacles and compactors, and recycling education.

The arena is already designed and being built with dedicated space for collection and storage of recyclables. On average, every visitor to the arena is expected to create 2.4 pounds of waste.

The City of Lincoln is also already working with students in the UNL Environmental Studies program on recommendations for an arena recycling program, including examples from other Big Ten schools, vendor contracts for recyclable and compostable materials, and best practices. These recommendations will be provided in May 2013 to the arena’s Joint Public Agency and to SMG, the arena management firm.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting February 28, 2012

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The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers Room 112.

The agenda and attachments for the meeting are now posted at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

Pam Gadeken

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**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2011-12 PROJECTED	2011-12 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 10-11	% CHANGE FR. 10-11
SEPTEMBER	\$4,803,859	\$4,542,250	(\$261,609)	(\$225,064)	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,991,555	\$5,127,466	\$135,911	\$261,620	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,997,421	\$5,146,367	\$148,946	\$256,447	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,686,548	\$4,895,766	\$209,218	\$199,975	4.26%
JANUARY	\$4,751,069	\$5,026,227	\$275,158	\$611,630	13.85%
FEBRUARY	\$6,012,155	\$6,282,249	\$270,094	\$431,942	7.38%
MARCH	\$4,434,331				
APRIL	\$4,252,500				
MAY	\$4,956,362				
JUNE	\$4,792,128				
JULY	\$4,833,186				
AUGUST	\$5,144,060				
TOTAL	\$58,655,174	\$31,020,325	\$777,718	\$1,536,550	5.21%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 2.57% above projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-12	FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,612,020	\$4,812,555	\$4,703,478	\$4,822,814	2.54%	\$4,805,254	-0.36%
OCTOBER	\$5,052,950	\$4,845,000	\$4,687,315	\$4,987,584	6.41%	\$5,206,659	4.39%
NOVEMBER	\$4,818,715	\$4,937,998	\$4,922,939	\$4,938,240	0.31%	\$5,219,952	5.70%
DECEMBER	\$4,753,456	\$4,545,947	\$4,502,684	\$4,708,180	4.56%	\$4,901,748	4.11%
JANUARY	\$4,617,097	\$4,465,270	\$4,354,458	\$4,777,606	9.72%	\$5,076,013	6.25%
FEBRUARY	\$5,596,617	\$5,775,594	\$5,426,478	\$5,920,886	9.11%	\$6,327,532	6.87%
MARCH	\$4,421,405	\$4,258,773	\$4,226,466	\$4,418,795	4.55%		
APRIL	\$4,227,476	\$4,119,617	\$4,294,043	\$4,421,797	2.98%		
MAY	\$4,753,366	\$4,744,089	\$5,186,573	\$5,374,035	3.61%		
JUNE	\$4,859,251	\$4,624,054	\$4,662,293	\$4,995,388	7.14%		
JULY	\$4,983,976	\$4,501,197	\$4,567,893	\$4,865,530	6.52%		
AUGUST	\$5,026,702	\$4,856,331	\$5,105,968	\$5,245,798	2.74%		
TOTAL	\$57,723,030	\$56,486,425	\$56,640,589	\$59,476,653	5.01%	\$31,537,158	4.58%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$90,282)	(\$435,079)	(\$100,061)	-77.00%	(\$55,500)	-44.53%	(\$263,004)	373.88%
OCTOBER	(\$79,688)	(\$108,925)	(\$95,246)	-12.56%	(\$121,738)	27.81%	(\$79,193)	-34.95%
NOVEMBER	(\$158,855)	(\$86,760)	(\$149,347)	72.14%	(\$48,320)	-67.65%	(\$73,585)	52.29%
DECEMBER	(\$29,848)	(\$209,674)	(\$202,950)	-3.21%	(\$12,388)	-93.90%	(\$5,982)	-51.71%
JANUARY	(\$26,308)	(\$256,270)	(\$257,206)	0.37%	(\$363,009)	41.14%	(\$49,785)	-86.29%
FEBRUARY	(\$489,939)	(\$83,713)	(\$104,235)	24.51%	(\$70,579)	-32.29%	(\$45,283)	-35.84%
MARCH	(\$325,269)	(\$73,785)	(\$14,233)	-80.71%	(\$485,268)	3309.51%	(\$59,857)	-87.67%
APRIL	(\$108,764)	(\$70,988)	(\$75,738)	6.69%	(\$10,063)	-86.71%		
MAY	(\$22,529)	(\$117,201)	(\$68,551)	-41.51%	(\$168,421)	145.69%		
JUNE	(\$136,308)	(\$444,973)	(\$110,343)	-75.20%	(\$104,492)	-5.30%		
JULY	(\$478,184)	(\$331,804)	(\$251,505)	-24.20%	(\$73,768)	-70.67%		
AUGUST	(\$43,759)	(\$11,878)	(\$286,162)	2309.23%	(\$3,563)	-98.75%		
TOTAL	(\$1,989,734)	(\$2,231,050)	(\$1,715,576)	-23.10%	(\$1,517,108)	-11.57%	(\$576,689)	-50.15%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,521,738	\$4,377,476	\$4,603,417	5.16%	\$4,767,314	3.56%	\$4,542,250	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,973,261	\$4,736,074	\$4,592,069	-3.04%	\$4,865,846	5.96%	\$5,127,466	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,659,859	\$4,851,237	\$4,773,592	-1.60%	\$4,889,920	2.44%	\$5,146,367	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,723,609	\$4,336,273	\$4,299,735	-0.84%	\$4,695,792	9.21%	\$4,895,766	4.26%
JANUARY	\$4,590,789	\$4,209,000	\$4,097,252	-2.65%	\$4,414,597	7.75%	\$5,026,227	13.85%
FEBRUARY	\$5,106,677	\$5,691,881	\$5,322,243	-6.49%	\$5,850,307	9.92%	\$6,282,249	7.38%
MARCH	\$4,096,136	\$4,184,988	\$4,212,234	0.65%	\$3,933,528	-6.62%		
APRIL	\$4,118,712	\$4,048,629	\$4,218,305	4.19%	\$4,411,735	4.59%		
MAY	\$4,730,837	\$4,626,889	\$5,118,022	10.61%	\$5,205,614	1.71%		
JUNE	\$4,722,943	\$4,179,081	\$4,551,950	8.92%	\$4,890,896	7.45%		
JULY	\$4,505,792	\$4,169,394	\$4,316,388	3.53%	\$4,791,762	11.01%		
AUGUST	\$4,982,944	\$4,844,454	\$4,819,806	-0.51%	\$5,242,236	8.76%		
TOTAL	\$55,733,297	\$54,255,376	\$54,925,013	1.23%	\$57,959,545	5.52%	\$31,020,325	5.21%

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: February 14, 2012
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Media
FROM: Pat Leach, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting
**DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Bess Dodson Wait Branch Library
6701 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68512**

STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 p.m.
CHAIRMAN OF MEETING: Maja Harris, President
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Monthly Board Meeting

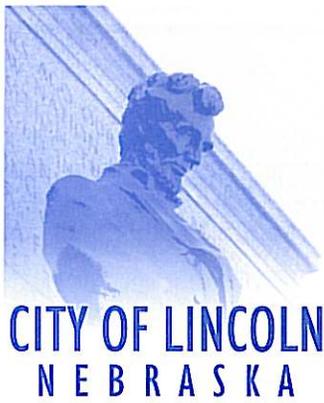
AGENDA

1. Welcome New Member Donna Marvin
2. Approval of Agenda*
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Approval of January 17, 2012, Meeting Minutes*
5. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Committee on Administration
 - B. Committee on Buildings & Grounds
 - C. Committee on Finance
 - i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for January 2012*
 - ii. Meeting Report
 - a. Review of Outcome Based Budgeting Tiers
 - b. Review of Budget Timeline
6. Special Committee Reports
 - A. Downtown Library Development
 - i. Report on Main Library Survey Public Meetings and Update on Meeting with Survey Consultants
 - B. Foundation Liaison & Foundation Executive Director Report
 - C. Technology
 - D. Trustee Development
7. President's Report
 - A. Committee Assignments
8. New Business
 - i. Approval of Surplus Property List*
 - ii. Approval of Submittal of Continuing Education Grant Application*
9. Director's Report
10. Assistant Director's Report
11. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda, may do so at this time.

*Action Item

Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska available in Board Room.

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the Bennett Martin Public Library, The Board shall have the right to modify the agenda at said public meeting when convened. Requests for sign language interpreters will require a minimum of 48 hours advance notice to Library Director - 441-8510.



CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

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Directors Report January 2012

Circulation in January of 2012 rose 2.70% over January of 2011 with a total of 279,735 circulations. We continue to add additional titles and copies to keep up with demand for downloadable books for e-readers. Use in January totaled 5,820, compared to 1,980 in January of 2011.

As is true every year, beginning in January many people use the library for help with their taxes. We have forms, or copies of forms, available and work with other agencies to provide tax assistance. This comment from Jim at South Branch was typical, "The main topic of conversation at South Branch Library has been taxes. Where are the forms, booklets, Nebraska booklets, etc? And where can I go to get free tax help?" Tax help provides an excellent service to our community, and brings many new people into our libraries.

The following activities provide examples of services in support of the library's Strategic Plan.

Goal 1: Young children (age five and under) will have programs and services designed to ensure early literacy development and a love of books and literature.

- Youth Services Supervisor Vicki Wood is working with Health Department staff members who make home visits to help train them to foster family literacy and reading aloud. As a first step, interns in the Health Department will survey staff and families to ascertain their current level of familiarity with libraries.
- Walt Library Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann noted, "A four-year-old, upon receiving his very first library card and being told by mom "That's a 'big boy card,' smiled and kissed it before putting it away."

Goal 2: Children will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

Goal 3: Elementary-age children will have materials and programs that engage their imaginations and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

Goal 4: Teens (middle school and high school) will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

- Polley Music Librarian Carolyn Dow reported, "A blog entry about one of the pieces the Lincoln Youth Symphony will be playing at their February concert brought about not just a very positive response from the conductor, but also an e-mail from one of the members, complete with an invitation to the concert."

Goal 5: Teens (middle school and high school) will have materials and programs that respond to their current interests and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Anderson and Bethany Branch Supervisor Kim Shelley noted, "On Friday the 13th, TAB [Teen Advisory Board] members from throughout the system gathered at Anderson Branch Library for an after-hours mystery party. Forty-four teens attended the event, including 8 from the Anderson TAB. Karrie reports, 'The teens had a wonderful time, and we'll consider doing something similar next year.'"

Goal 6: Adults will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

- Heritage Room Curator Meredith McGowan is overseeing a project to digitize and index images from *Lincoln, Nebraska: a photographic album of business buildings*, which is held by the Heritage Room. She is coordinating the work with Ed Zimmer, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department Historic Preservation staff member, and staff of the Nebraska Library Commission's Nebraska Memories project.
- Gere Branch Supervisor Pat Sloan reported, "A customer at Gere had decided to make it her New Year's Resolution to start using the library again and intends to read 12 Willa Cather books this year – one each month. Kristen helped her learn how to use the library catalog and find the books."

Goal 7: Adults will have convenient timely access to materials that provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Walt Branch Library Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann reported, "Shannon and LeeAnn collaborated on a basic display near the front desk that saw a lot of business. The signs read: Got a new E-Reader? We can help! There were empty boxes for a Nook, iPad, iPhone, and Kindle. And then a bright yellow half sheet of paper with links to various eReader helps, free eBooks, and the "Submit a Request for Help" link was highlighted. We went through over 140 handouts during the month. It was a good starting point for conversations with patrons about what was available digitally."
- Bennett Martin Library Public Services Supervisor Julie Beno wrote, "The community was invited to nominate titles for the 2012 One Book - One Lincoln program beginning January 9. Suggestions will be accepted through February 10. While nominations for 2012 have begun, Layne still conducted two One Book – One Lincoln discussions for the 2011 book this month. Participants were eager to discuss the book and applauded Layne's discussion leadership."
- Virtual Services Peter Jorgensen noted, "The Audio books newsletter through our Books, Movies & More newsletter service has now become one of the top ten most popular newsletters – proof of the popularity of both our Books-on-CD and Downloadable Audio formats."

Goal 8: Adults will have the resources they need to fully participate in the democratic process.

Goal 9: Everyone will have welcoming physical and virtual places to meet and interact with others or work independently on personal projects.

- Assistant Library Director Greg Mickells noted a behind-the-scenes project that supports our online services, "Last month I reported that a new whole room UPS (Universal Power Supply) was installed in the computer room. With the recent snow storm, Bennett Martin Public Library had been experiencing periodic power outages but the new system worked well and computer services were never down during the storm."

Goal 10: Residents will have access to information technology and the assistance they need to use it effectively in their daily lives.

- Virtual Services Librarian Peter Jorgensen reported, "Not too surprisingly, there was a big post-holiday season jump in our downloadable eBook checkouts, with January showing a 31% increase over December. Members of our OverDrive Support Team assisted at least 64 patrons with various issues with downloadable eBooks and audio books." Many branch libraries also reported answering many customer questions regarding new e-readers.

Connection to our diverse community was an important value expressed in our Strategic Planning Process.

- Eiseley Branch Supervisor Sheila Jacobs reported, "Peggy warmly welcomed 17 ELL parents to Williams Branch. She gave the 16 women and one man a tour of the facility and then treated them to a Family Storytime, complete with a craft and snack. The intent of this activity was to encourage families involved in the Arnold Family Literacy Program to bring their children to Williams Branch for the Monday afternoon Family Storytimes. Peggy mentioned that one family did come back later that day to check out items."

Submitted by Pat Leach
Library Director
February 17, 2012

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - January 2012 USE REPORT

Branch	Adult Print Loans		Youth Print Loans		Adult NonPrint Loans		Youth NonPrint Loans		Polley Music Loans		2011 Loan Total		% Change	Gate Count		Computer Use Transactions		Reference Transactions		Youth Program Attendance		Adult Program Attendance	
BMPL	15,702	5,511	12,819	1,886	1,571	37,489	42,294	-11.36%	24,478	4,184	5,189	131	65										
Anderson	7,209	6,746	4,035	2,255	12	20,257	18,941	6.95%	9,900	2,430	1,510	418	0										
Bethany	3,470	3,619	1,967	1,386	7	10,449	10,111	3.34%	4,383	789	927	39	44										
Eiseley	12,380	17,597	5,922	4,880	26	40,805	41,596	-1.90%	20,827	3,618	2,678	649	0										
Gere	34,753	30,287	15,027	6,884	60	87,011	84,089	3.47%	29,680	3,635	7,952	1,111	9										
South	4,066	4,039	1,588	1,480	9	11,182	11,115	0.60%	6,800	1,380	728	256	20										
Wait	15,696	26,927	8,671	6,702	57	58,053	54,028	7.45%	20,214	2,139	3,132	523	0										
Williams	248	1,191	400	923	1	2,763	2,264	22.04%	1,182	253	199	71	0										
Bookmob	451	1,195	211	208	0	2,065	2,050	0.73%	683	0	99	0	0										
GRAND T	93,975	97,112	50,640	26,604	1,743	270,074	266,488	1.35%	118,147	18,428	22,414	3,198	138										

Interlibrary Loan	903	1,171	-22.89%
Downloadable Audio	2,938	2,753	6.72%
Downloadable Ebook	5,820	1,980	193.94%
	<u>279,735</u>	<u>272,392</u>	<u>2.70%</u>

Web Site Visits	267,846	204,936	30.70%
Total Unique IPs	51,501	41,272	24.78%
Electronic Resource Uses (databases)	11,920	19,038	-37.39%
Polley Music Reference Registrations	3,567	3,463	3.00%
Resident County	175,554	179,093	-1.98%
Non Resident	12,347	12,367	-0.16%
Reciprocal Limited Use	1,241	1,802	-31.13%
	468	443	5.64%
	8,486	8,743	-2.94%
	<u>198,096</u>	<u>202,448</u>	<u>-2.15%</u>

Library Holdings January 2012	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned	443,077	287,074	95,448	39,261	864,860
Added	3,506	2,720	870	428	7,524
Withdrawn	-12,332	-2,225	-993	-530	-16,080
Owned	434,251	287,569	95,325	39,159	856,304

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

January 31, 2012

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 609,021.00	\$ 253,758.75	\$ 276,288.03	\$ 332,732.97	\$ 48,359.43
Supplies	30,500.00	12,708.33	11,814.51	18,685.49	1,510.88
Services & Charges	55,078.00	22,949.17	27,979.77	27,098.23	886.57
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 694,599.00	\$ 289,416.25	\$ 316,082.31	\$ 378,516.69	\$ 50,756.88
Percent Expended		41.67%	45.51%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	32,000.00	13,333.33	11,762.25	20,237.75	1,026.69
Services & Charges	886,939.00	369,557.92	337,957.66	548,981.34	61,523.95
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 918,939.00	\$ 382,891.25	\$ 349,719.91	\$ 569,219.09	\$ 62,550.64
Percent Expended		41.67%	38.06%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 4,016,741.00	\$ 1,673,642.08	\$ 1,692,516.46	\$ 2,324,224.54	\$ 324,982.99
Supplies	56,400.00	23,500.00	13,414.24	42,985.76	3,113.16
Services & Charges	53,850.00	22,437.50	6,734.62	47,115.38	1,646.24
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,126,991.00	\$ 1,719,579.58	\$ 1,712,665.32	\$ 2,414,325.68	\$ 329,742.39
Percent Expended		41.67%	41.50%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,056,391.00	\$ 440,162.92	\$ 426,324.09	\$ 630,066.91	\$ 80,445.50
Supplies	59,000.00	24,583.33	17,996.58	41,003.42	5,516.49
Services & Charges	186,130.00	77,554.17	76,075.63	110,054.37	21,906.34
Other	805,000.00	335,416.67	376,875.80	428,124.20	61,347.51
Total	\$ 2,106,521.00	\$ 877,717.08	\$ 897,272.10	\$ 1,209,248.90	\$ 169,215.84
Percent Expended		41.67%	42.59%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 5,682,153.00	\$ 2,367,563.75	\$ 2,395,128.58	\$ 3,287,024.42	\$ 453,787.92
Supplies	177,900.00	74,125.00	54,987.58	122,912.42	11,167.22
Services & Charges	1,181,997.00	492,498.75	448,747.68	733,249.32	85,963.10
Other	805,000.00	335,416.67	376,875.80	428,124.20	61,347.51
Total	\$ 7,847,050.00	\$ 3,269,604.17	\$ 3,275,739.64	\$ 4,571,310.36	\$ 612,265.75
Percent Expended		41.67%	41.74%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2010-11 Enc. & Reapp.	\$ 96,297.21		\$ 92,137.13	\$ 4,160.08	\$ -

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
January 2012

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 1,045.62	\$ 297.50	\$ -	\$ 1,343.12
NLC Gates Grant 2011	16,766.92	-	-	16,766.92
State Aid 2010	408.37	-	-	408.37
State Aid 2011	31,828.70	-	7,248.35	24,580.35
Urban Library System 94-95	5,849.16	-	-	5,849.16

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 39,745.65	\$ 13.77	\$ 3,054.42	\$ 36,705.00
Polley Music Library	191,341.31	63.62	7,294.18	184,110.75
Joseph J. Hompes	21,282.55	6.61	13.29	21,275.87
Misc. Library Donations	205,796.98	219.91	1,961.92	204,054.97
Charles H. Gere Library	26,923.93	8.54	-	26,932.47
Alice Nielsen	184,279.57	58.65	-	184,338.22
Dorothy Holland	125,062.13	39.68	-	125,101.81
Glennis Leapley	136,451.99	43.30	-	136,495.29

OTHER FUNDS

Pioneer Consortium	\$ 27,823.89	\$ 5,737.91	\$ 2,140.40	\$ 31,421.40
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APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Jan 2012	Year-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2011-12	\$ 36,128.00	\$ 3,054.42	\$ 15,489.18	\$ 20,638.82
Polley Music Library FY 2011-12	94,826.00	7,294.18	37,949.59	56,876.41
Keno				
FY 2010-11 Appropriation	20,314.14	-	20,314.14	-
FY 2011-12 Appropriation	504,061.00	57,779.29	89,452.48	414,608.52
Williams Branch	693.88	-	-	693.88
Gere HVAC	85,000.00	-	-	85,000.00
Bookmobile	250,000.00	-	718.35	249,281.65

**** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ****
February 22, 2012

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

****PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2012

[Commissioners Butcher and Francis absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 8, 2012. ****APPROVED, 6-0 (Hove, Butcher and Francis absent)****

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:**
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

CHANGE OF ZONE:

- Page 01
- 1.1 Change of Zone No. 05004A, an amendment to the Pine Garden Planned Unit Development to include an approximately 66-bed memory care facility, with approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and Design Standards, on property generally located at S. 84th Street and Old Cheney Road.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated February 7, 2012, 7-0 (Butcher and Francis absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:**

CHANGE OF ZONE:

Page 13 2.1 Change of Zone No. 11028, amending Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District as a permitted conditional use; and repealing Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: The applicant has requested a 90-day deferral until May 16, 2012

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Applicant's request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

Also See Item No. 5.2 below.

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION:**

CHANGE OF ZONE:

Page 15 4.1a County Change of Zone No. 12001, amending the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution, by adding a new section to Article 2, numbered 2.088, to provide the definition of "market garden"; amending Article 4, section 4.007 and Article 5, section 5.007, to add market gardens as a permitted special use in the AG and AGR zoning districts, respectively; amending Article 13, section 13.001 to provide conditions for approval for market gardens as a permitted special use and to allow certain accessory uses to market gardens; and repealing Article 4, section 4.007, Article 5, section 5.007 and Article 13, section 13.001 of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Butcher and Francis absent).

Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners being requested.

- 4.1b Change of Zone No. 12002, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Zoning Ordinance, by adding a new section numbered 27.03.417 to provide the definition of “market garden”; amending Sections 27.07.040 and 27.09.040 to add market gardens as a permitted special use in the AG and AGR zoning districts, respectively; amending Section 27.63.680 to add market gardens as an exception to a licensed premises 100-foot spacing requirement from a residential district; adding a new section numbered 27.63.820 to provide conditions for approval for market gardens as a permitted special use and to allow certain accessory uses to market gardens, including the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises; amending Section 27.67.040 to provide parking requirements for farm wineries and market gardens; and repealing Sections 27.07.040, 27.09.040, 27.63.680 and 27.67.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Butcher and Francis absent).
Public Hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

- 4.1c County Special Permit No. 12003, for authority to operate a market garden with a restaurant as an accessory use, on property generally located at 10405 Branched Oak Road. *** **FINAL ACTION** ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated February 9, 2012, 7-0 (Butcher and Francis absent).
Resolution No. PC-01268.

5. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION:**

CHANGE OF ZONE:

Page 41 5.1 Change of Zone No. 11042, Lincoln Public Schools District Office Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from R-1 Residential District, R-2 Residential District, B-1 Local Business District, and H-2 Highway Business District to B-1 Local Business District PUD, on property generally located at the southeast corner of Cotner Blvd and O Street; for a planned unit development district designation of said property and approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance, Land Subdivision Ordinance and Design Standards to allow office and commercial uses not exceeding approximately 200,000 square feet in floor area.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 26, 2012, with the amendments as requested by the applicant and further amended by Commissioner Cornelius, 6-0 (Francis, Butcher and Lust absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Page 57 5.2 Change of Zone No. 11044, from P Public Use District to R-7 Residential District; from R-7 Residential District to P Public Use District; and from P Public Use District and I-1 Industrial District to B-1 Local Business District, on property generally located at N. 17th Street and R Streets.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Rashi Jain, 441-6372, rjain@lincoln.ne.gov

Applicant's request for additional two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

PENDING LIST:

- 1a. *Change of Zone No. 11045, from R-2 Residential District, I-1 Industrial District, and R-5 Residential District to H-3 Highway Commercial District, on property generally located at N. 40th Street and Colfax Avenue.
(1-25-12: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on April 18, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)*

- 1b. *Preliminary Plat No. 11002, MJ Tent, for approximately 14 commercial lots, with requests to waive storm water detention facilities, sanitary sewer running opposite the street grades, and the centerline grade more than one foot below the 50 year flood elevation, on property generally located at N. 40th Street and Colfax Avenue.
*** FINAL ACTION ***
(1-25-12: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on April 18, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)*

- 2. *Special Permit No. 06001A, an amendment to the Grand Terrace Community Unit Plan to expand the boundary of the CUP by approximately three acres to allow for approximately seven additional residential lots, on property generally located as South 84th Street and Highway 2. *** FINAL ACTION ***
(2-8-22: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on March 21, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)*

Planning Dept. staff contacts:

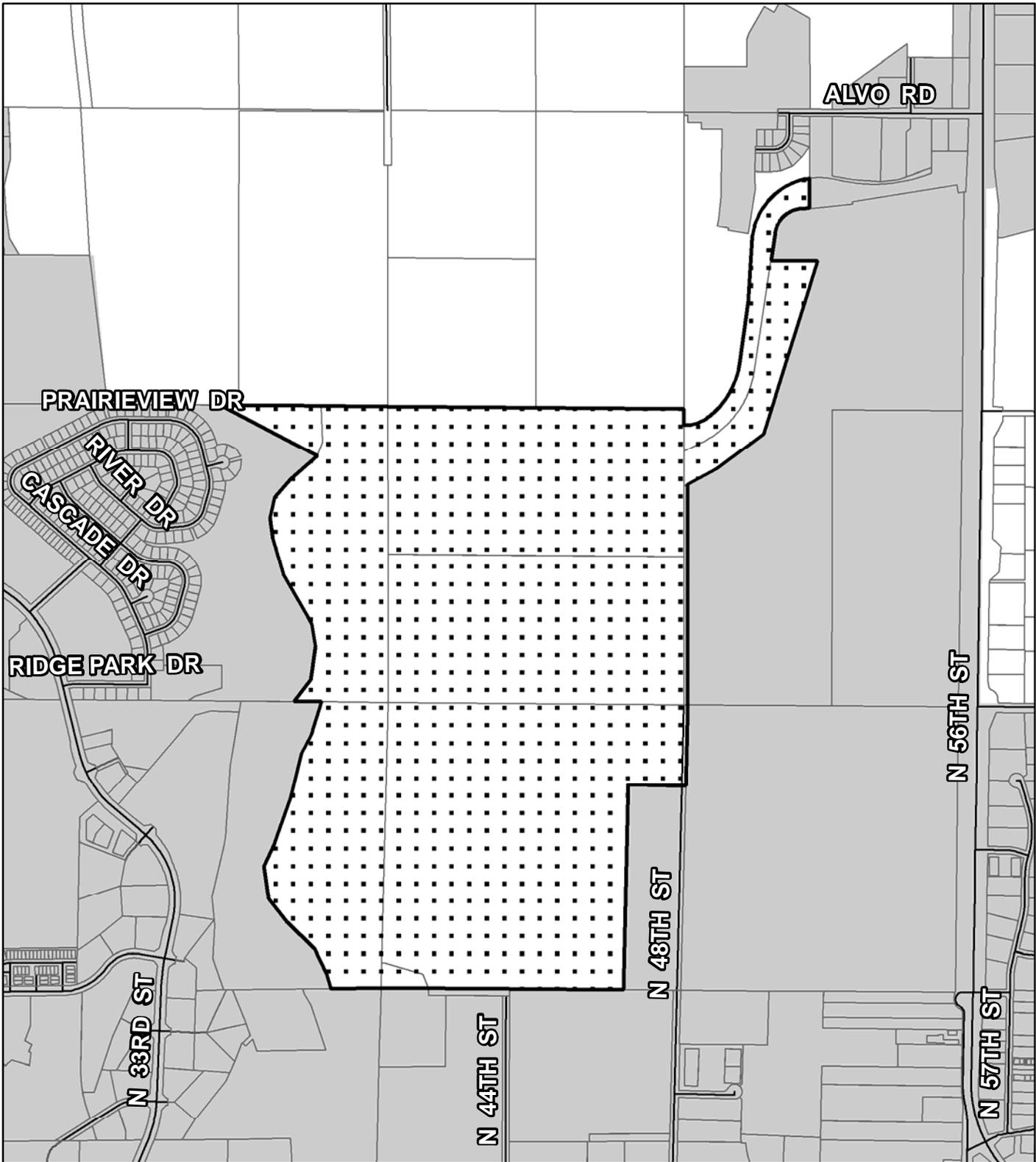
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**The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.**

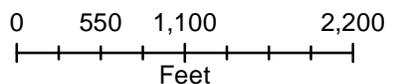
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<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**



Annexation by Ordinance
N 48th & Superior St
Effective: February 21, 2012
420.1 Acres

-  Area of Annexation
-  Ownership Parcels
-  City Limits Before Annexation



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln City Council, Lancaster County Board

FROM: Nicole Fleck-Tooze – Planning Dept. 

SUBJECT: Letters of Interest Sought for Stevens Creek Regional Park

DATE: February 17, 2012

CC: Mayor's Office
Lynn Johnson – Parks and Recreation
Marvin Krout – Planning
Dave Landis, Wynn Hjermsstad – Urban Development

The Parks and Recreation and Planning Departments are working together on a project to seek replacement property to enable future redevelopment of public property at 21st and 'N' Streets. The property at 21st and 'N' includes forestry and park maintenance shops that will be relocated. The sale of this property is anticipated to facilitate the purchase of a future park site.

The Comprehensive Plan includes a strategy to identify and acquire a site for the future development of a regional park in the Stevens Creek watershed. The attached letter is being sent to seek interest from property owners in a portion of the watershed. As potential sites are reviewed, opportunities will be sought for the site to be a multi-use campus with other partners as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact me at ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-6363, or Lynn Johnson at ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-8265.

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Lynn Sunderman, Chair
City-County
Planning Commission



MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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February 17, 2012

Dear Land Owner:

The City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is seeking land for a future regional park site that may ultimately become a joint use or multi-use campus. The following is information regarding the desired qualities of the land to be acquired:

- The area of interest is located between 98th Street and the East Beltway corridor (approximately 126th Street), and between Adams Street and Pioneers Boulevard.
- It is desired that the land be comprised of one or more contiguous parcels with a total area of 160 acres to 320 acres.
- It is preferred that the property be located along Stevens Creek or a tributary, and that a portion of the land be within a designated floodplain. The parcel or parcels could also straddle Stevens Creek.
- It is desirable for the property to also include a relatively flat area of about 20 acres outside of the floodplain on the west side of Stevens Creek that would be suitable for building.
- The parcel must have frontage on a major arterial roadway or mile-line section road. The building area described above should be close to this principal access road.
- The ideal property will contain natural resource areas such as native prairie, wetland, and/or native woodland.
- It is desirable that the land contain a large pond or small lake suitable for recreation activities including fishing and non-motorized boats.

Parties interested in having their land considered for purchase are asked to submit a letter of interest that describes how the land meets the desired qualities outlined above. The letter should include the Parcel Identification Number(s) utilized by the Lancaster County Assessor's office. Letters of interest are requested to be postmarked on or before March 31, 2012, and to be sent to:

Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 So. 10th Street, Room 213
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Letters of interest will be reviewed by a working committee that will include, at a minimum, representatives of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department, and the City of Lincoln Urban Development Department. The purchase price will be established by fair market value of the land as determined by a mutually acceptable independent appraiser.

The parkland purchase will need to be approved by the Lincoln City Council, and also the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the National Park Service due to the funding source that will be used. It is anticipated that purchase of the land will be finalized by the end of 2012.

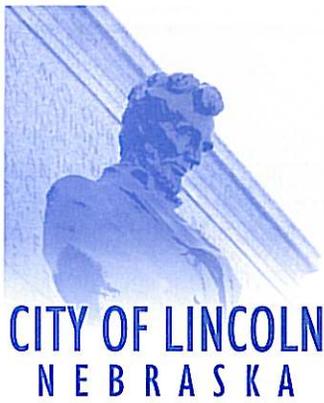
Please contact me by phone at 402-441-6363 or by email at ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov if you have questions.

Thank you for reviewing this request for letters of interest.

Sincerely,



Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Long Range Planning Manager



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**Directors Report
January 2012**

Circulation in January of 2012 rose 2.70% over January of 2011 with a total of 279,735 circulations. We continue to add additional titles and copies to keep up with demand for downloadable books for e-readers. Use in January totaled 5,820, compared to 1,980 in January of 2011.

As is true every year, beginning in January many people use the library for help with their taxes. We have forms, or copies of forms, available and work with other agencies to provide tax assistance. This comment from Jim at South Branch was typical, "The main topic of conversation at South Branch Library has been taxes. Where are the forms, booklets, Nebraska booklets, etc? And where can I go to get free tax help?" Tax help provides an excellent service to our community, and brings many new people into our libraries.

The following activities provide examples of services in support of the library's Strategic Plan.

Goal 1: Young children (age five and under) will have programs and services designed to ensure early literacy development and a love of books and literature.

- Youth Services Supervisor Vicki Wood is working with Health Department staff members who make home visits to help train them to foster family literacy and reading aloud. As a first step, interns in the Health Department will survey staff and families to ascertain their current level of familiarity with libraries.
- Walt Library Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann noted, "A four-year-old, upon receiving his very first library card and being told by mom "That's a 'big boy card,' smiled and kissed it before putting it away."

Goal 2: Children will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

Goal 3: Elementary-age children will have materials and programs that engage their imaginations and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

Goal 4: Teens (middle school and high school) will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

- Polley Music Librarian Carolyn Dow reported, "A blog entry about one of the pieces the Lincoln Youth Symphony will be playing at their February concert brought about not just a very positive response from the conductor, but also an e-mail from one of the members, complete with an invitation to the concert."



Goal 5: Teens (middle school and high school) will have materials and programs that respond to their current interests and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Anderson and Bethany Branch Supervisor Kim Shelley noted, "On Friday the 13th, TAB [Teen Advisory Board] members from throughout the system gathered at Anderson Branch Library for an after-hours mystery party. Forty-four teens attended the event, including 8 from the Anderson TAB. Karrie reports, 'The teens had a wonderful time, and we'll consider doing something similar next year.'"

Goal 6: Adults will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

- Heritage Room Curator Meredith McGowan is overseeing a project to digitize and index images from *Lincoln, Nebraska: a photographic album of business buildings*, which is held by the Heritage Room. She is coordinating the work with Ed Zimmer, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department Historic Preservation staff member, and staff of the Nebraska Library Commission's Nebraska Memories project.
- Gere Branch Supervisor Pat Sloan reported, "A customer at Gere had decided to make it her New Year's Resolution to start using the library again and intends to read 12 Willa Cather books this year – one each month. Kristen helped her learn how to use the library catalog and find the books."

Goal 7: Adults will have convenient timely access to materials that provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Walt Branch Library Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann reported, "Shannon and LeeAnn collaborated on a basic display near the front desk that saw a lot of business. The signs read: Got a new E-Reader? We can help! There were empty boxes for a Nook, iPad, iPhone, and Kindle. And then a bright yellow half sheet of paper with links to various eReader helps, free eBooks, and the "Submit a Request for Help" link was highlighted. We went through over 140 handouts during the month. It was a good starting point for conversations with patrons about what was available digitally."
- Bennett Martin Library Public Services Supervisor Julie Beno wrote, "The community was invited to nominate titles for the 2012 One Book - One Lincoln program beginning January 9. Suggestions will be accepted through February 10. While nominations for 2012 have begun, Layne still conducted two One Book – One Lincoln discussions for the 2011 book this month. Participants were eager to discuss the book and applauded Layne's discussion leadership."
- Virtual Services Peter Jorgensen noted, "The Audio books newsletter through our Books, Movies & More newsletter service has now become one of the top ten most popular newsletters – proof of the popularity of both our Books-on-CD and Downloadable Audio formats."

Goal 8: Adults will have the resources they need to fully participate in the democratic process.

Goal 9: Everyone will have welcoming physical and virtual places to meet and interact with others or work independently on personal projects.

- Assistant Library Director Greg Mickells noted a behind-the-scenes project that supports our online services, "Last month I reported that a new whole room UPS (Universal Power Supply) was installed in the computer room. With the recent snow storm, Bennett Martin Public Library had been experiencing periodic power outages but the new system worked well and computer services were never down during the storm."

Goal 10: Residents will have access to information technology and the assistance they need to use it effectively in their daily lives.

- Virtual Services Librarian Peter Jorgensen reported, "Not too surprisingly, there was a big post-holiday season jump in our downloadable eBook checkouts, with January showing a 31% increase over December. Members of our OverDrive Support Team assisted at least 64 patrons with various issues with downloadable eBooks and audio books." Many branch libraries also reported answering many customer questions regarding new e-readers.

Connection to our diverse community was an important value expressed in our Strategic Planning Process.

- Eiseley Branch Supervisor Sheila Jacobs reported, "Peggy warmly welcomed 17 ELL parents to Williams Branch. She gave the 16 women and one man a tour of the facility and then treated them to a Family Storytime, complete with a craft and snack. The intent of this activity was to encourage families involved in the Arnold Family Literacy Program to bring their children to Williams Branch for the Monday afternoon Family Storytimes. Peggy mentioned that one family did come back later that day to check out items."

Submitted by Pat Leach
Library Director
February 17, 2012

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - January 2012 USE REPORT

Branch	Adult Print Loans		Youth Print Loans		Adult NonPrint Loans		Youth NonPrint Loans		Polley Music Loans		2011 Loan Total		% Change	Gate Count		Computer Use Transactions		Reference Transactions		Youth Program Attendance		Adult Program Attendance	
BMPL	15,702	5,511	12,819	1,886	1,571	37,489	42,294	-11.36%	24,478	4,184	5,189	131	65										
Anderson	7,209	6,746	4,035	2,255	12	20,257	18,941	6.95%	9,900	2,430	1,510	418	0										
Bethany	3,470	3,619	1,967	1,386	7	10,449	10,111	3.34%	4,383	789	927	39	44										
Eiseley	12,380	17,597	5,922	4,880	26	40,805	41,596	-1.90%	20,827	3,618	2,678	649	0										
Gere	34,753	30,287	15,027	6,884	60	87,011	84,089	3.47%	29,680	3,635	7,952	1,111	9										
South	4,066	4,039	1,588	1,480	9	11,182	11,115	0.60%	6,800	1,380	728	256	20										
Wait	15,696	26,927	8,671	6,702	57	58,053	54,028	7.45%	20,214	2,139	3,132	523	0										
Williams	248	1,191	400	923	1	2,763	2,264	22.04%	1,182	253	199	71	0										
Bookmob	451	1,195	211	208	0	2,065	2,050	0.73%	683	0	99	0	0										
GRAND T	93,975	97,112	50,640	26,604	1,743	270,074	266,488	1.35%	118,147	18,428	22,414	3,198	138										

Interlibrary Loan	903	1,171	-22.89%
Downloadable Audio	2,938	2,753	6.72%
Downloadable Ebook	5,820	1,980	193.94%
	<u>279,735</u>	<u>272,392</u>	<u>2.70%</u>

Web Site Visits	267,846	204,936	30.70%
Total Unique IPs	51,501	41,272	24.78%
Electronic Resource Uses (databases)	11,920	19,038	-37.39%
Polley Music Reference Registrations	3,567	3,463	3.00%
Resident	175,554	179,093	-1.98%
County	12,347	12,367	-0.16%
Non Resident	1,241	1,802	-31.13%
Reciprocal	468	443	5.64%
Limited Use	8,486	8,743	-2.94%
	<u>198,096</u>	<u>202,448</u>	<u>-2.15%</u>

Library Holdings January 2012	PRINT		NON PRINT		Total
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	
Owned	443,077	287,074	95,448	39,261	864,860
Added	3,506	2,720	870	428	7,524
Withdrawn	-12,332	-2,225	-993	-530	-16,080
Owned	434,251	287,569	95,325	39,159	856,304

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

January 31, 2012

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 609,021.00	\$ 253,758.75	\$ 276,288.03	\$ 332,732.97	\$ 48,359.43
Supplies	30,500.00	12,708.33	11,814.51	18,685.49	1,510.88
Services & Charges	55,078.00	22,949.17	27,979.77	27,098.23	886.57
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 694,599.00	\$ 289,416.25	\$ 316,082.31	\$ 378,516.69	\$ 50,756.88
Percent Expended		41.67%	45.51%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	32,000.00	13,333.33	11,762.25	20,237.75	1,026.69
Services & Charges	886,939.00	369,557.92	337,957.66	548,981.34	61,523.95
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 918,939.00	\$ 382,891.25	\$ 349,719.91	\$ 569,219.09	\$ 62,550.64
Percent Expended		41.67%	38.06%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 4,016,741.00	\$ 1,673,642.08	\$ 1,692,516.46	\$ 2,324,224.54	\$ 324,982.99
Supplies	56,400.00	23,500.00	13,414.24	42,985.76	3,113.16
Services & Charges	53,850.00	22,437.50	6,734.62	47,115.38	1,646.24
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,126,991.00	\$ 1,719,579.58	\$ 1,712,665.32	\$ 2,414,325.68	\$ 329,742.39
Percent Expended		41.67%	41.50%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,056,391.00	\$ 440,162.92	\$ 426,324.09	\$ 630,066.91	\$ 80,445.50
Supplies	59,000.00	24,583.33	17,996.58	41,003.42	5,516.49
Services & Charges	186,130.00	77,554.17	76,075.63	110,054.37	21,906.34
Other	805,000.00	335,416.67	376,875.80	428,124.20	61,347.51
Total	\$ 2,106,521.00	\$ 877,717.08	\$ 897,272.10	\$ 1,209,248.90	\$ 169,215.84
Percent Expended		41.67%	42.59%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 5,682,153.00	\$ 2,367,563.75	\$ 2,395,128.58	\$ 3,287,024.42	\$ 453,787.92
Supplies	177,900.00	74,125.00	54,987.58	122,912.42	11,167.22
Services & Charges	1,181,997.00	492,498.75	448,747.68	733,249.32	85,963.10
Other	805,000.00	335,416.67	376,875.80	428,124.20	61,347.51
Total	\$ 7,847,050.00	\$ 3,269,604.17	\$ 3,275,739.64	\$ 4,571,310.36	\$ 612,265.75
Percent Expended		41.67%	41.74%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2010-11 Enc. & Reapp.	\$ 96,297.21		\$ 92,137.13	\$ 4,160.08	\$ -

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
January 2012

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 1,045.62	\$ 297.50	\$ -	\$ 1,343.12
NLC Gates Grant 2011	16,766.92	-	-	16,766.92
State Aid 2010	408.37	-	-	408.37
State Aid 2011	31,828.70	-	7,248.35	24,580.35
Urban Library System 94-95	5,849.16	-	-	5,849.16

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 39,745.65	\$ 13.77	\$ 3,054.42	\$ 36,705.00
Polley Music Library	191,341.31	63.62	7,294.18	184,110.75
Joseph J. Hompes	21,282.55	6.61	13.29	21,275.87
Misc. Library Donations	205,796.98	219.91	1,961.92	204,054.97
Charles H. Gere Library	26,923.93	8.54	-	26,932.47
Alice Nielsen	184,279.57	58.65	-	184,338.22
Dorothy Holland	125,062.13	39.68	-	125,101.81
Glennis Leapley	136,451.99	43.30	-	136,495.29

OTHER FUNDS

Pioneer Consortium	\$ 27,823.89	\$ 5,737.91	\$ 2,140.40	\$ 31,421.40
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APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Jan 2012	Year-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2011-12	\$ 36,128.00	\$ 3,054.42	\$ 15,489.18	\$ 20,638.82
Polley Music Library FY 2011-12	94,826.00	7,294.18	37,949.59	56,876.41
Keno				
FY 2010-11 Appropriation	20,314.14	-	20,314.14	-
FY 2011-12 Appropriation	504,061.00	57,779.29	89,452.48	414,608.52
Williams Branch	693.88	-	-	693.88
Gere HVAC	85,000.00	-	-	85,000.00
Bookmobile	250,000.00	-	718.35	249,281.65



City of Lincoln
Planning

City Board of Zoning Appeals Agenda

Notice is hereby given that the **CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers** on the 1st Floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, on the following items. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

Agenda of February 24, 2012

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held [January 6, 2012](#).

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

2. [Appeal No. 1201](#), requested by Kenneth Hughes, for a variance to the rear yard setback for a second floor addition, on property located at 700 Brookside Drive.

[History List](#)



Memorandum

Date: ♦ February 21, 2012
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from February 14, 2012 thru February 20, 2012:

Administrative Amendment No. 12001 to Special Permit No. 1653, for a Community Hall, approved by the Planning Director on February 16, 2012, requested by Ben and Nancy Sand, to decrease the permit area to 20.00 acres by removing a portion of Lot 2, Sand Addition from the permitted area, on property generally located at 6305 W. Adams St.

City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491





**City of Lincoln
Planning**

**Nebraska Capitol Environs
Commission Agenda**

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012. The meeting will convene at **8:00 a.m.** in **Development Services Center Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street**, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

Agenda of February 23, 2012

1. Approval of meeting notes of [January 12, 2012](#)

Hearing/Action

* [Memo from Ed Zimmer](#)

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for Centennial Mall (M-N, N-O, O-P Streets) (Parks & Rec Dept)
3. [LR 381](#) - resolution to rename "a portion of 'J' Street adjacent to the Capitol's east entry in honor of Colonel [Harry Francis] Cunningham."
4. Update on fundraising for Nebraska's Centennial Mall
5. Miscellaneous

[History List](#)

February 20, 2012

To: City Council Members

From: Ann Bleed, President of the East Campus Community Organization

Re: Change in Zone Regarding Parking Requirements for Fraternities and Sororities

The East Campus Community Organization would like you to know that we support the change in the zoning code regarding parking requirements at fraternities and sororities as revised by the Planning Department.

We also want you to know how much we appreciate the willingness of Marvin Kraut to work with the East Campus Community Organization to revise the language on the change of zone to more closely meet the needs of neighborhoods outside of downtown Lincoln. Even though the language had already been approved by the Planning Commission, Marvin and Christy Eichorn were willing to revisit the issue. Though e-mails and a meeting with members of the ECCO board, they went the extra mile to make sure the change in wording would work for all who might be impacted. They both are to be commended for their diligence.

Sincerely,

Ann Bleed

President of the East Campus Community Organization

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: LPS new HQ shows Board doesn't care about Lincoln taxpayers - LPS board is the entitled class

Subject: LPS new HQ shows Board doesn't care about Lincoln taxpayers - LPS board is the entitled class

Amazingly citizens are clamoring- demanding responsible government taxation and LPS elected officials don't care!

Look at this fact - LPS proposed headquarters building is to be built on the best available real estate in Lincoln. Let's look at what this real estate could do for the taxpayers of Lincoln if used to its highest potential.

National retailer(s) of 100,000 sf located at this site they would generate an average of \$400 per square foot or \$ \$40,000,000 in sales per YEAR. Given a 7% sales tax this would generate \$2.8 million in tax revenues!

Real estate taxes would average \$3 per building square foot or \$300,000 each YEAR!

Our elected school board is willing to waste or forego \$3,100,000 per year in tax receipts by placing the headquarters building on prime real estate.

That only should start the educated process. When LPS looks for new school bonds they will need revenues from us taxpayers. The City government, County government, LPS and state government will be forego, with a 3.25% bond cost, \$58,359,000 of financing.

This will be the most expensive public office building in Lincoln's in history. I am calling on the Mayor, City Council, State legislature, and Governor to stop this waste of real estate by the LPS board by condemning this ground using eminent domain powers.

Further if the LPS located this building to the Antelope Valley area it would enliven restaurants, shops and neighborhoods which is what the University of Nebraska and Assurity are trying to do for the City of Lincoln.

The LPS board is clearly not listening to the staff or board member Meginnis. Contact our school board member now before they waste potential revenues for more schools now.

Kent Thompson

Mary M. Meyer

From: Don Crouch [dcrouch1@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 8:19 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: medians

Stop the movement to build medians downtown. What rights do the public have with the spending of our money on projects desired by a few but not wanted by a large majority? Engineers say these will save lives. So would banning of automobiles or banning of bicycles (could hit your head). How far do we go and how much money do we spend to 'protect' everyone? Let's not waste our resources on needless ventures.



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February 21, 2012

Lincoln City Council Members

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your service to the citizens and for your contributions toward making Lancaster County the most responsible hospitality county in the State of Nebraska.

Out of deep respect for the efforts of our friends on the Responsible Hospitality Council, we have given serious consideration to the latest proposed alcohol legislation regarding server training and certification. Because of our deep respect, we regret to inform you that we oppose the enactment of that proposed alcohol ordinance.

Our rationale is that most of the burden of responsible alcohol consumption should **continue** to rest on mature **owners / managers** of liquor-dispensing establishments and their **customers**. The majority of liquor licensees in Lincoln obey the rules. They and the City should not be burdened with additional administrative tasks because of a minority of problem establishments. Profit margins in our industry are not conducive to large administrative staffs.

The community is already well-served by the Nebraska Liquor Control Act and its 172-pages publication entitled "Acts and Rules & Regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission" and the City of Lincoln's 15 pages of ordinances entitled "Chapter 5.04 ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR."

We applaud the City of Lincoln for establishing the Lincoln/Lancaster County Responsible Hospitality Council and for requiring liquor licensees to successfully complete its course in responsible beverage training. This system is not broken and does not need fixing. Replacing it with a more complex system is not recommended.

In our industry, in this market, recruitment is becoming more competitive. In other words, it is already getting harder to attract quality staff. Adding fees and outside training will also make retention more difficult, especially if workers elect to seek employment in other industries without these requirements.

Although well-intentioned, this will not solve the problem of establishments, which have a culture of non-compliance. Poorly run businesses are not going to listen to their employees, who come back from the training. Non-compliant establishments are not going to commit to the additional administration either. They probably are also resisting health and fire inspection recommendations. Continuing enforcement pressure on owners and managers is still the preferred course.

In spite of the variables inherent in hospitality, mature, responsible owners and managers are succeeding in learning, training and overseeing their staffs in complying with the aforementioned laws. None of these leaders are in favor of passing this responsibility and expense on to their employees and, in fact, view that possibility as unfair to their mostly youthful colleagues.

Having developed a successful formula, let's not add more layers, expense and administrative costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Boles", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wayne Boles
Community Liaison
(402) 434-5973 / (402) 450-4523
wboles@telesis-inc.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mike Floyd [michael.b.floyd@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 12:25 PM
To: ekim.hokkabaz@gmail.com
Subject: LB 239 Status update

LB 239 would be a giant step backward toward a more regulated democracy.
Get active and stop this attempt to disenfranchise those who are most vulnerable.
The narrower government rule becomes, the closer to tyranny it comes.

LB239

Introduced: /heard 2/24/11
Now is on General File. (It had been on schedule today, 2/21/12, for First Reading, but they did not get to it.)

Introduced by:
Janssen, Senator Charlie
471-2625
cjanssen@leg.ne.gov

Priority Bill for:
Schilz, Senator Ken
471-2616
kschilz@leg.ne.gov

Direct link to lb239:
www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Intro/LB239.pdf

I have also attached a copy saved as a notepad text file in case you have difficulty with the PDF format.

Good luck,

Mike Floyd

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of February 25th through March 2, 2012.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Occupy Lincoln will leave Centennial Mall by May 1.

III. DIRECTORS

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Letter from Clay Smith, President of Speedway Motors, writing in support of Mayor Beutler's proposal that up to \$700,000 of the City's Fast Forward Fund be used to finance the construction of communication fiber conduits in downtown Lincoln.

Date: February 24, 2012

Contact: David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of February 25 through March 2, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, February 25

- Special Olympics Polar Plunge - 11 a.m., Holmes Lake, 64th and Normal Blvd.

Monday, February 27

- League of Nebraska Municipalities Midwinter Conference, remarks - 8 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Tuesday, February 28

- City/County/LPS Super Common meeting - 7:30 a.m., room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Corrections Joint Public Agency (JPA) meeting - 9:15 a.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building
- West Haymarket JPA meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers

Thursday, March 1

- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- Centennial Mall campaign announcement, remarks - 8:30 a.m., Capitol Rotunda
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (previously recorded)

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 27, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rod Confer, City Attorney, 402-441-7290

Jeffrey Eggers, Occupy Lincoln, 402-601-6985

OCCUPY LINCOLN WILL LEAVE CENTENNIAL MALL BY MAY 1

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that Occupy Lincoln will peacefully vacate Centennial Mall by May 1. The group's governing structure, the General Assembly, voted Sunday to accept the City's proposal to voluntarily leave the Mall by May 1. Occupy Lincoln has been protesting on Centennial Mall since October 2011 against what its members see as corporate excess.

In a letter sent from City Attorney Rod Confer, the City of Lincoln had set a March 1 deadline for the movement to leave the Mall to make way for a planned renovation. Mayor Beutler said the City set the initial date so contractors could be assured during the bidding process that the area would be available for storing materials and equipment. Occupy Lincoln's commitment to leave the Mall by May 1 provides bidders with the assurance that construction can begin in early May.

"We believed we could find compromise if we had a date certain for clearing the Mall. That's why we proposed May 1," Beutler said. "That date allows us to proceed without delaying the construction schedule."

Confer said the compromise avoids a potential legal battle over the use of the Mall. "First Amendment cases are complex and in some cases, take years to resolve," he said. "A joint agreement allows us to avoid expensive litigation at taxpayer expense and make progress on an important State project."

Beutler said the renovation project has been needed for years. "Centennial Mall has tremendous symbolic importance to the people of Nebraska," he said. "It serves as a point of unity for the diverse people of the State, a place where we can celebrate our pioneer heritage, educate our youth about our State's rich history, and laud the accomplishments of great Nebraskans."

"We are now taking the steps to re-create a Mall worthy of the reverence afforded it by all Nebraskans," he said. "Occupy Lincoln shares in that belief of the importance of Centennial Mall. They have agreed to peacefully vacate the Mall without condition to make way for renovation, a positive outcome for everyone involved."

- more -

Occupy Lincoln
February 27, 2012
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Beutler said the compromise prevents the kind of confrontations between civic officials and protesters that have taken place at other Occupy sites across the nation.

“Here in Lincoln, we have demonstrated to the country that it is possible to have a civil discussion and find the compromise needed to protect the protestors’ First Amendment rights while still meeting the needs of the community,” Beutler said. “I commend the Occupy Lincoln movement for its willingness to cooperate and its continuing commitment to abide by City law. They have demonstrated to the nation that passion for a political cause can be conducted with civility and respect, a great lesson for us all.”

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22 February 2012

Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street, Suite 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Subject: Downtown Lincoln Conduit/Fiber Project

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to you today to ask you to support of Mayor Beutler's proposal that up to \$700,000 from the City's Fast Forward Fund be used to finance the construction of communication fiber conduits in downtown Lincoln.

The benefits of this project to Lincoln seem obvious to us. Those benefits include developing an infrastructure that will be a key to the promotion of economic development and job creation in our community and positioning Lincoln to be a leader in the national economy.

A leading edge fiber optic infrastructure is like oxygen to businesses that make, or we hope will make, Lincoln their home. Businesses quite simply cannot expand or thrive without that infrastructure and those businesses that cannot access it in Lincoln will surely access it somewhere else. Like it or not, this is a zero sum game. Lincoln's loss will be another city's gain.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you in person if you think doing so would be helpful to you or to the process.

Thank you for all you do to make Lincoln a great place to work and live.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay F. Smith".

Clay F. Smith
President

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